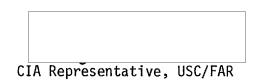9 May 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Special Meeting of the USC/FAR

1. William Hyland, Director, INR/State opened the meeting by explaining the background of his memorandum of April 16, 1975. He said that Secretary Kissinger had met in February with a number of people from academia, who complained to him that government funding of foreign area research lacked centralization and that much of it was wasted. They appealed for his help. Pursuant to this conversation, a committee is being created under the auspices of the American Council of Education to be composed of State representatives and certain academics. It is supposed to come up with some large research proposals aimed at generating new ideas rather than producing papers.

2. In talking with him Hyland said that Kissinger referred to the arms control research money of the 1950s which was not generally tied to the production of a specific piece of paper and led to the development of the concepts of disarmament which were used in the 1960s. Kissinger feels that the government bureaucracy should be stimulated to provide this sort of support for broad studes to generate ideas for the next decade.

3. Hyland said he was asking the other agencies to join with State in this endeavor. State was earmarking $600,000 of its research money for the Secretary's proposal. He then said that State, if it did not receive cooperation from other agencies, would find itself forced to ask for a larger share of research funds for next year's budget.

4. In the discussion which followed, the National Science Foundation representative expressed uncertainty about the design of the program and how proposals would be generated (he was clearly speaking from the point of view of an organization whose principal business is dispensing money through grants). He further commented that the National Science Foundation is statutorily forbidden to support institutional programs, that it is under fire from Congress for support of social science research anyhow, and that any grants it makes must be made under a competitive system.

5. Hyland responded by saying that the design was admittedly a weak point in his (Hyland's) proposal. He anticipated, depending on the amount of cooperation, asking for several Soviet research centers to design a multi-year and multi-design research program on the Soviet Union. Hyland also said he wanted to clear up a misconception that his proposal intended to subsidize particular institutions, although some would be favored through their own competence. He returned several times to the possibility of cooperative arrangements among the agencies. It was clear that most of the agencies had neither the flexibility nor the desire to be very cooperative.

6. Various agency representatives stressed that their money for FY 76 was already programmed and urged State to go to ask for more research money itself since it clearly had the most interest in these kinds of areas of foreign research. The OMB representative commented that carrying out Kissinger's ideas would require reprogramming FY 76 money already committed. He further noted that for FY 77 State could do more research itself or direct the National Science Foundation to do so, which it is statutorily permitted to do as long as it provides the money.

7. At some point in the proceedings, Hyland commented that it was clear that the academics in talking to Secretary Kissinger were expressing concerns that some of the major research centers "may go down the drain for lack of funds" since foundations were no longer funding them handsomely. He emphasized that State would find this a very adverse matter and would seriously affect the ability to generate new ideas on foreign areas.

8. Toward the end I made the point contained in the ADDI's note of 6 May that CIA had a policy of not contracting directly with universities and colleges to do work in the social science research field and the additional point that many academic institutions would not welcome CIA participation; such participation would have to be overt. Hyland responded by saying that Kissinger's program did not exclude research institutions like Rand and Brookings. Nonetheless, the proposal is almost entirely in terms of supporting academic institutions. The Defense Department representative hinted that perhaps Defense would not want to be associated with the Agency in any joint enterpise of this sort.

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